

Minutes of...Meeting to Discuss Policy Council

Details

Date: March 26, 2008

Time: Noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino

Attendees

- Rick Arden, Juvenile Probation Department
 - DeAnna Avey-Motikeit, Department of Children's Services
 - Margaret Beed, M.D., Department of Public Health
 - Karen Bell, District Attorney – Juvenile Division
 - Ryan Berryman, Human Services Legislation and Research
 - Danielle Boldt, Sheriff's Department
 - Jennifer Cannady, Public Defender – Juvenile
 - Amy Cousineau, Children's Network
 - Rosa Gomez, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Carole Mason, Preschool Services Department
 - Linda Haugan, Human Services Administration
 - Margaret Hill, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
 - Patricia Nickols, Community Action Partnership
 - Allan Rawland, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Karen Scott, First 5 San Bernardino
 - Honorable Marsha Slough, Juvenile Court
 - Lisha Smith, 5th District Board of Supervisors
 - Rebecca Stafford, Children's Fund
 - Nancy Swanson, Transitional Assistance Department
 - Greg Zerovnik, SB County Library
 - Joyce Jones, Department of Children's Services
 - Tammy Williams, Children's Network
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Meeting purpose

Judge Slough welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Judge Slough congratulated Amy Cousineau as the new Network Officer. Margaret Hill announced she also is no longer the interim; she is the Assistant Superintendent for the School Linked Programs and Partnerships Division. **A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by Jennifer Cannady and seconded by DeAnna Avey-Motikeit.**

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Welcome and Introductions	Judge Slough
Approval of Agenda	Judge Slough
Approval of February 2008 Minutes	Judge Slough
Children's Fund Report	Rebecca Stafford
Shine the Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast	Sue Taylor
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month	Sue Taylor
Update on DCS Self-Assessment Team	Joyce Jones
Motion to approve allocation request from the County Children's Trust Fund	DeAnna Avey-Motikeit
Other	All
Public Comment	All

**Key points:
Children's
Fund Report**

The following highlights were given:

- Rebecca provided a list of upcoming Children's Fund events.
- Rebecca announced a long-time friend Jacob Zeidman, owner of Patton Steel and Desk of San Bernardino and Ontario just passed away. His memorial will be on Sunday at the Mt. View Mortuary.
- Rebecca mentioned they have raised funds for four scholarships at CSUSB of \$207,000. Further details will be forthcoming at the Press Conference.

**Key points:
Shine the Light
on Child Abuse
Awards
Breakfast**

The following highlights were given:

- Sue Taylor announced Children's Network would be having the 10th Annual Shine the Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast on April 10th at 7:30 a.m. at the Valencia Room at the Orange Show.
- There will be six foster youth awarded scholarships.
- **Action: Children's Network will fund three scholarships and Rebecca Stafford of Children's Fund agreed to fund three additional scholarships as well.**

**Key points:
April is Child
Abuse
Prevention
Month**

The following highlights were given:

- Sue Taylor announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. DeAnna Avey-Motikeit and Amy Cousineau accepted the Child Abuse Resolution from the Board of Supervisors on April 1st.
 - Sue announced the First Annual Casa Walk on April 1st in the afternoon from the CASA office to the City Hall.
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**Key points:
Update on DCS
Self-Assessment
Team**

The following highlights were given:

- Joyce Jones of DCS (Department of Children's Services) stated she is in the process of forming a Self-Assessment Team again that is based on the AB 636 Redesign that the state monitors.
 - AB 636 main focus is on the redesign/improving outcomes for children and families through interagency partnerships and community involvement.
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**Key points:
Motion to
approve
allocation
request from
the County
Children's
Trust Fund**

The following highlights were given:

- A – ETO Software - \$75,000 – DeAnna mentioned will be used by the CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention Intervention Treatment) and PSSF (Preservation Safe Stable Families) contractors to build capacity and measure federal outcomes. The software could also monitor what classes parents are attending, and if there appears to be re-entry into foster care.
 - Discussion: Linda Haugan mentioned the County Children's Trust Fund comes from birth certificate monies for each county. Linda mentioned that each county has a CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) Council that is usually involved with requests for birth certificate money.
 - Danielle Boldt mentioned she was new to Policy Council and would like clarification on the CAPIT and PSSF by getting a budget report. **Action: Requested the CAPIT and PSSF could be agendaized before approving the expenditures.**
 - **Motion: Approve the request for the expenditure of \$75,000 for the ETO Software to come out of the Birth Certification Monies, motion made by Allan Rawland and seconded by Karen Bell. The second component requested to have a report for the April Agenda that gives the details as to what is submitted to the state by PDD (Program Development Division).**
 - Lisha Smith asked is there other budget items to approve? Allan mentioned it is this group's responsibility to review, approve, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for fiduciary issues. Amy mentioned to her knowledge that per legislation and the CAP presents recommendations for expenditures from the Birth Certificate monies.
 - **Action: Amy mentioned she would be planning a Strategic Planning day for this group in June or the summer to include topics to better educate, distinguish roles, and set goals for the future of the Policy Council. Judge Slough would like to see a Business Plan developed.**
 - B – West End Kinship Center - \$125,000 – DeAnna mentioned the next item is in support of the West End Kinship Center to provide funds to support relative caregivers, after school activities for foster children, assist kin care givers, and provide some prevention assistance.
 - Questions – Judge Slough asked for clarification if the funds were coming from the same Birth Certificate monies? Is the West End Kinship Center a non-profit and faith-based agency that went through the process of County procurement?
 - Lisha mentioned she has had some contact with staff at the West End Kinship Center and was told they were located at two different churches and needed a larger facility with 5,000 square feet of space for meeting rooms, kitchen, and office. DeAnna mentioned she has not talked with them about space requirements.
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- Danielle mentioned that \$125,000 is a reasonable request for use in staffing, equipment, etc. She questioned what had already been submitted through the contract process. Also it was asked, if it is an urgent request.
- **Motion was made to approve the request for the \$125,000 and to bring back a detailed report of the funding request.**

Key points:
Other

The following highlights were given:

- Allan Rawland complimented DeAnna on her leadership of the Foster Care Summit and the entire collaboration-taking place. **Action: DeAnna mentioned the committee had not met yet to debrief and go over the next steps. The next meeting of the Foster Care Summit is April 14th at 8:30 a.m. at Human Services Administration, 150 S. Lena Road, San Bernardino.**
 - Judge Slough and Allan Rawland mentioned there is a California Blue Ribbon report that is asking recommendations from counties that will drive legislative and policies for foster children. There is a deadline for responses on May 13th. **Action: The report will be forwarded to Tammy Williams to distribute it to all Policy Council members to give their responses to Tammy by April 25th. Tammy will submit the responses for review at the April 30th Policy Council meeting so that they can be submitted to the appropriate parties.**
 - Allan reported the next CPAC meeting is April 24th. There will be some final public review before it is submitted to the state in June. There will be fifteen million dollars available for the concepts chosen.
 - Allan mentioned another project being worked on is the refurbishing of the Gilbert Street building to house treatment programs, crisis residential program, and partner offices to serve the population 18 and older. It will cost approximately nine million dollars.
 - Allan mentioned that the Crisis Response Team will be expanding to 24 hours a day and eventually will be responding to adults as well. There will be 80 to 90 staff involved in the efforts and is believed there will be better outcomes by keeping individuals out of jail and institutions. He is hoping to kick off the program this summer, after the Board of Supervisors approve.
 - Judge Slough mentioned she met a gentleman last year that owns the Burgess Mansion in Redlands. This person would like to see the property used for ..
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at-risk children in some capacity. **Action:** After much discussion, it was decided to form a subcommittee to give some proposals to the owner. Some committee members suggested were Dr. Ann Unteinner of the University of Redlands, others volunteering were; Margaret Hill, Rosa Gomez, Rick Arden, Rebecca Stafford, DeAnna Avey-Motikeit, Linda Haugan, Jennifer Cannady, Karen Bell, Judge Slough, Patricia Nickols, and Amy Cousineau. Danielle Boldt agreed to volunteer if they need more representation from law enforcement farther down the line. It was decided the meeting must be set-up by the end of April and Tammy Williams will be contacting the volunteers.

- Greg Zerovnik announced the San Bernardino County Library system would be opening a brand new branch in Fontana on April 19th. There will be 93,000 square feet, underground parking, 200 computers, Wi Fi, coffee bar, etc. The location is 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana. He welcomed everyone to the open house festivities.

Next Meeting

April 30, 2008 at noon, Fifth Floor, Citrus Room, County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino. This meeting is being moved to the fifth Wednesday of the month due to The Bonnes Meres Auxiliary of Children's Fund event on April 23, 2008.
